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1. SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 1 FINANCE MINISTRY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WEBER WILL TAKE OVER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HISS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HISS HAS TOLD US THAT IN A
REORGANIZATION OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WEBER WILL TAKE OVER FROM HIM ON JANUARY 1
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC
MONETARY QUESTIONS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HISS WILL
BECOME CHIEF OF THE SECTION OF THE MINISTRY DEALING
WITH "BASIC QUESTIONS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
POLICIES" (ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS, POLICY PLANNING, ETC.)

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEBER HAS BEEN WELL KNOWN

TO THE EMBASSY'S FINANCIAL ATTACHE SINCE THEY SERVED TOGETHER ON THE OECD'S ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE 14 YEARS AGO. WEBER IS A WELL TRAINED ECONOMIST OF STRONG LIBERAL PERSUASION. HE IS A VERY WELL BALANCED AND SOMEWHAT RESERVED MAN WHO IS UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED IN GERMAN BANKING AND THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE GERMAN CIVIL SERVICE. HE IS A MAN OF INDEPENDENT AND GOOD JUDGEMENT WHO, WE BELIEVE, WILL BE A MOST USEFUL ADDITION TO THE GERMAN REPRESENTATION IN THE C-20 DEPUTIES, WP-3, ETC.

4. HANS-HERBERT WEBER WAS BORN IN BERLIN ON DECEMBER 30, 1922. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD. AFTER RECEIVING A PH.D. IN ECONOMICS AND SOME POST-GRADUATE WORK, WEBER JOINED THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY IN 1956. FROM 1960-62 HE SERVED ON THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE OECD AND THEN RETURNED TO THE BUSINESS CYCLE AND POLICY PLANNING SECTION OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY. IN 1967 HE LEFT GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO BECOME AN EXECUTIVE OF THE GERMAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION (STATE SECRETARY POEHL WAS ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE ASSOCIATION). IN 1970 WEBER WAS APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF FINANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND DEBT MANAGEMENT. IN THIS JOB WEBER CONCENTRATED ON DEBT MANAGEMENT, EC FINANCIAL MATTERS AND GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATIONS AND SUBSIDIES TO GERMAN INDUSTRY. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS AT THE TIME RESTED WITH THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY. WHEN THE MONETARY AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY WAS TRANSFERRED TO FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT WITH THE FORMATION OF THE SECOND BRANDT/SCHEEL GOVERNMENT, WEBER LOST HIS COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. WITH THE NEW REORGANIZATION, WEBER WILL HEAD THE SECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS DOMESTIC MONETARY AFFAIRS, CAPITAL MARKETS AND DEBT MANAGEMENT. NEXT TO STATE SECRETARY POEHL HE WILL THUS BECOME THE KEY MAN IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS.

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